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Official citation and consideration of all the listed documents is requested. Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO/SB/08A with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP §609] with the next communication.

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Also listed, for the examiner's convenience, is the U.S. patent family member of EP 1 214 964.

Although included in the search report EP 1 078 685 and U.S. 6,432,171 are not included in this paper as they are already of record in this application.

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